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Pastor Oates' Excellent Sermon

SUNDAY was the 84th anniversary of Odd Fellowship in the United States. Magnolia Lodge of DeLand celebrated the day in a very fitting manner, by marching in a body to the Baptist church, where Rev. J. E. Oates had kindly consented to preach a sermon for them.

The church was well filled. The decorations were especially appropriate to the occasion. The service was the same as usual, with good music by the choir and congregation. Miss Spalding sang a solo and Mr. Sharp and Miss Crawford a duet. The pastor took for his subject a part of the 11th verse of the ninth chapter of Judges: "Shall I leave my sweetness and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees?" The entire subject was comprised in Judges ix, 8-15. Following is a synopsis of the excellent sermon:

The scene where this parable was uttered carries us back to the time of the Judges. Gideon had died, who had ruled Israel with a strong hand; his 70 sons had been slain by Abimelech except Jotham. The people then came together to make Abimelech king by the plain of the pillar that was in Shechem. Now the hills are not far apart on that ever memorable plain. In the clear eastern atmosphere a voice could be distinctly heard across the intervening distance. When the people were gathered together to make Abimelech king, Jotham appeared on an abutting rock on the side of Gerizim, within sight and hearing of the people, but beyond the reach of them, and uttered the words of this ancient parable—Judges ix, 8-15.

Now there was to the fig tree no excellency like that of meeting adequately its own ends and fulfilling its own purpose. In the gracious ordering of Providence it had a part to play, an idea to interpret and embody. In the working out of this idea it had a glory peculiarly its own. Now, if it had turned on one side and become king of the trees and had not carried out this purpose the world would have been the loser. The fig tree was not created to be a king among trees; nor was the honor of ruling for a moment comparable with the honor of abiding truly in its own life, and of yielding in the fullness of its season its rich and golden treasure to the year's harvest. In the living of its own distinctive life, in the doing of its own peculiar work, was its duty and highest success. What was truth for the fig tree was truth for the olive and the vine, and what was truth for these was truth for every creature in God's universe. The real measure of success is the exact measure of self-fulfillment. The perfect man, according to the Greeks, consisted in the activity of man as man. Jesus became for us the ideal man. How then can I be a man? How then can I fulfill my mission in life? The world wants men—large hearted, manly men; men who shall join its chorus and prolong the psalm of labor and the psalm of love. The age wants heroes.

(1.) The human life is more than the animal life. The aim of man should not be merely to produce brawn and muscle. Man can never become as strong as the lion or as good an athlete as the monkey. Hence prize fights are a disgrace—not because we do not believe in the advantage of strong bodies, but because we do not believe in any one's living for the sole purpose of only developing physical strength.

(2.) To develop the intellect is not living the full human life. Man is a thinking machine, but he is far more. If it were possible to develop men's intellects exclusive of their higher powers, which, thank God, it is not, we should have devils and not men.

(3.) It is only when we contemplate man in his relation to his complete environment, that we get a glimpse of the richness of the life his creator intended him to live. Corresponding to every one of these relations there is some faculty within man which they appeal to. He responds to the appeal for domestic affection, to the appeal for love from a friend, to the call of his country for patriotism, to nature for the appreciation of the wonderful and beautiful, and so on.

We have worshiping with us this morning Magnolia Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. We are glad to have them worship with us this morning. We like their name. It takes courage to be an Odd Fellow now; it took a good deal more when Odd Fellowship was first started. Considerable labor and sacrifice were

able distinction. There is too much swimming with the current nowadays. The world needs men who can stand alone when necessary. Your motto, represented by the three links, is Friendship, Love, Truth.

Your order teaches that no one has a right to live for himself; that no one has the right to enjoy the blessings of the Common Father alone or to shut up his bowels of compassion towards the needy and distressed of the earth. Selfishness, the great sin of humanity, should be avoided, and benevolence, the great principle of your fraternity, should be practiced.

There is no diversity of opinion as to the beauty and many advantages of friendship. It is good to forget self, with all its little aches and pains, with all its little hates and grudges. A celebrated man said: "The great business of my life has been to get away from myself." Alexander conquered the world, but fell a prey to melancholy and even envied Diogenes in his tub. David and Jonathan gave to the world one of the most memorable instances of friendship in all history. What an opportunity there was for jealousy, but instead we read their souls were knit together, each one striving for the well-being of the other. Let us then cultivate a true spirit of friendship. Dr. Cutler says: "A friend is one whom I can trust; one who in sorrow's hour will mingle his tears with mine; one on whose support I can reckon when my back is at the wall." Another thing for which your order stands is truth, i. e., reality.

Goethe says:
"Truth in the novel is truth still.
A lie on the throne is still a lie.
Truth in the novel is on its way to victory;
A lie on the throne is on its way to defeat."
"Seize upon truth wherever it is found.
Amongst your friends, amongst your foes.
On Christian or on heathen grounds—
The flower's divine wher'er it grows."

The man who sacrifices truth from any motive is a traitor.
The man who loves truth is a good man.
The man who loves it more than his life, is a hero.

The third link stands for love. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. As we have opportunities let us do good unto all men. And the Lord made you to abound in love to one another and toward all men." I suppose love here includes practical philanthropy. Love is larger in its scope than friendship. Friendship is limited, but love takes in all. I take it that love is larger than your order.

Christ taught us this in the parable of the good Samaritan. Philanthropy overleaps all disfranchising caste; all national boundaries; all differences of race; it acknowledges brotherhood wherever there is need. This is graphically brought out in the beautiful parable of the Good Samaritan. The spirit of it is carried out in your visiting the sick; in your providing nurses; in your care for the widow and the orphan. How rich then can be our life—your life; rich in friendship, rich in love, rich in all the varied relations of life. Shall I turn aside? Shall I not fulfill my mission in life?

But man has also under the quickening influence of the spirit, the capacity of loving and serving God. Religion should be a part of man's life as much as eating or drinking. What were the eagle without its wings? The irreligious man is one who lives in disuse of his highest and most joy-producing powers. What would you think of a man who boarded up the windows of his beautiful home, and by preference lived in the cellar. It is a grand thing to be a man. It is no mean thing for man's heart to beat in sympathy with God's great heart; to hold fellowship with the infinite one. Shall I leave my sweetness and my good fruit for any consideration of pleasure, gain or worldly applause? No; by no means. I wish to live in the exercise of all my powers and to fulfill God's great purpose with me.

Meeting of Ex-Confederates.

It is hoped and believed that the call for a meeting here of the ex-Confederates, on Monday next, will be well attended. It is too early yet to hold out the usual inducements of some fine speaking and a good dinner. We hope these may come after awhile. For the present then, let the old soldiers be moved by a patriotic desire to set on foot and keep continually in motion an organization which shall, in every sense of the word, keep brightly burning the feeling of old comradeship, one which in the piping times of peace seeks social and charitable intercourse with each other, rather than the sterner duties of the battlefield. Eleven o'clock a. m. in the court house is the time and place.

For the purpose of the news before mentioned, \$1.00 per year.

Special Meeting City Council

A SPECIAL meeting of the council was held Monday afternoon, for the purpose of arranging budget, etc. The salary of the city engineer for the ensuing year was raised \$15 per month, and the salary of the marshal was increased \$5 per month. The budget as adopted is as follows:

Clerk	300
Treasurer	200
Marshal	540
Engineer	900
Night watchman	240
Shell mine superintendent	400
Sanitary man	390
Fire and water	1,500
Bond interest	1,500
Electric lights	1,250
General revenue	2,780

Total appropriations \$10,000
The budget calls for the expenditure of about \$2,000 more next year than this year. Of the \$10,000 appropriated, the city water plant pays \$2,500 to \$3,000.

W. A. Allen & Co.'s bid of \$27 for three registering clocks for use of night watchman was accepted. The contractors agree to care for the clocks two years after installation.

C. O'Neill was granted the contract for building a drain from the corner of Rich avenue and Pine street to Church street.

Councilman Powe was appointed a committee of one to arrange for the printing of the ballots, and D. L. Wickham was selected to arrange the booths for the election.

FROM TALLAHASSEE.

Senator Mallory Re-elected with Only One Dissenting Vote.

Tallahassee, April 28.—The re-election of Senator Stephen R. Mallory as United States senator was done quietly and without any protest, or bitter factional fight, on the 21st of April. There was but one dissenting vote. Mr. Ware, the representative from Washington county, the lone Republican in the Florida Legislature, nominated J. N. Coombs of Apalachicola and voted for him. Mr. Ware could not receive even a "second" to his motion—but he cast his vote for Coombs just the same.

The election of Mallory was in striking contrast to previous elections of United States senators. In the past the Legislature has consumed hours, days and weeks of more or less valuable time in taking ballots, caucusing and quarreling over the election of a senator, and half the Legislature, about 13 years ago, ran away to Georgia in the night-time to break a quorum and prevent the election of a senator.

The people are heavy gainers by the new order of things; but the members of the "third house" claim that the primary principle has ruined their business.

A joint resolution is now pending proposing an amendment to the constitution, and providing as follows: "The regular sessions of the Legislature shall be held quadrennially, commencing on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April, 1905, and on the corresponding day of every fourth year thereafter, but the Governor may convene the same in extra session by his proclamation. Regular sessions of the Legislature may extend to sixty days, but no special session convened by the Governor shall exceed thirty days."

A bill has passed the House appropriating \$5,000 for the compilation of a history of Florida.

The Legislature is after Judge Swayne's scalp, and a bill will probably be passed asking for his impeachment. He is charged with being corrupt, incompetent and dishonest.

Representative Abrams bill, providing that railroad property be assessed by the Railroad Commission, passed the House on Friday.

The House has passed the Senate concurrent resolution providing for the appointment of a committee composed of three lawyers on the part of the Senate and five on the part of the House, to examine the compiling of a revision of the laws by Col. C. E. Akers of Orlando. This is an excellent compilation of the laws of the state. It was printed and bound at the office of E. O. Painter & Co. in DeLand.

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